

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Walter McNutt, on March 7, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 19, 2/27/2007; SB 25, 2/27/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:27 Sen. Dan McGee (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SB 19, Revise laws governing oil and gas developers and surface owners.

EXHIBIT (nah48a01)

00:12:23 Break because of audio difficulties

00:19:56 Meeting resumed

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:49 Sen. Jim Peterson, SD 15

00:33:11 Brian Cebull, Nance Petroleum Corporation

00:38:54 Bruce Williams, Fidelity Exploration & Production Company

00:42:31 Jerome Anderson, Encore Acquisition Company

00:47:53 Patrick Montalban, Northern Montana Oil & Gas Association

00:54:34 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Producing Companies

00:55:30 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

00:56:09 Tom Ebzery, Devon Energy

00:58:19 Ed Bartlett, Northern Alliance of Independent Oil and Gas Producers

00:58:53 Don Allen, Western Environmental Trade Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:59:39 Rick Moore, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Testimony:

01:04:44 Tom Richmond, Board of Oil and Gas Exploration

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:10:32 Rep. Erickson

01:11:01 Sen. McGee

01:13:20 Rep. Lambert

01:14:02 Mr. Anderson

01:15:17 Rep. Lambert

01:16:02 Mr. Montalban

01:16:53 Rep. Lambert

01:17:30 Mr. Williams

01:20:28 Rep. Dickenson

01:21:34 Mr. Moore

01:21:54 Rep. Dickenson
01:22:22 Mr. Richmond
01:23:14 Rep. Dickenson
01:23:54 Sen. McGee
01:24:40 Rep. Barrett
01:28:52 Sen. McGee
01:30:58 Rep. Heinert
01:31:33 Sen. McGee

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:12 Sen. McGee

01:37:54 Break

HEARING ON SB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:51:18 Sen. Lane Larson (D), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 25, Revise contract timber harvest laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:52:53 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

EXHIBIT (nah48a02)

01:57:40 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

EXHIBIT (nah48a03)

02:00:01 Ellen Engstedt, Montana Wood Products Association
02:03:28 Kathy Bramer, Superintendent of Public Instruction
02:06:12 Daniel Watson, Rosebud County Commissioner; Montana Forest Counties Board of Directors

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:07:58 Rep. Vincent
02:08:28 Sen. Larson
02:09:35 Rep. Vincent
02:12:07 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
02:13:08 Rep. Erickson
02:16:24 Mr. Schultz
02:17:21 Rep. Ross
02:19:59 Mr. Schultz

02:22:19 Rep. Ross
02:22:34 Mr. Todhunter
02:23:15 Rep. Heinert
02:25:09 Mr. Schultz
02:26:10 Rep. Lambert
02:28:37 Mr. Schultz
02:29:48 Rep. Erickson
02:30:49 Mr. Schultz
02:32:34 Rep. McNutt
02:33:10 Mr. Schultz

Closing by Sponsor:

02:33:53 Sen. Larson

ADJOURNMENT

02:35:40 Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah48aad.pdf](#))